

JAN 23 2008

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii's public
2 school students spend their youth in preschool to elementary,
3 intermediate, and secondary education. The core curriculum
4 include the basic three "Rs" of reading, writing, and
5 arithmetic, as well as science, history, social studies, and
6 computer courses. However, the current curriculum is also
7 lacking in fine arts education, including knowledge and the
8 practices of Hawaii's rich multicultural arts, music, dance,
9 health, wellness, physical fitness activities, and physical
10 sciences. The legislature believes that Hawaii's students, and
11 ultimately Hawaii's families and the community-at-large, will
12 greatly benefit from the establishment of an after-school
13 program designed to specifically address these areas by
14 providing students with a more well-rounded, enriched learning
15 experience that will spark in our students motivation,
16 enthusiasm for learning special interests and skills, and



1 individual artistic creativity and scientific ingenuity through
2 exposure to fine arts education.

3 The purpose of this Act is to establish the pono-plus
4 program to provide after-school supervision and exposure to fine
5 arts, science, and sports and fitness education to students in
6 Hawaii's public schools.

7 SECTION 2. Chapter 302A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
9 and to read as follows:

10 **"§302A- Pono-plus program; established.** (a) There is
11 established within the department the pono-plus program for
12 public elementary, intermediate, and high school-aged children,
13 which shall be conducted statewide, on weekdays, excluding
14 holidays, beginning after school until six o'clock in the
15 evening, and shall utilize public school grounds and facilities.

16 The pono-plus program shall be voluntary and shall not be part
17 of the compulsory educational services provided by the State.

18 The program shall provide supervision to young children who
19 would otherwise be unsupervised during after-school hours as
20 well as fine arts, science, and sports and fitness education.

21 (b) The department shall establish eligibility
22 requirements for participation in the program, and any other



1 necessary rules, pursuant to chapter 91, that may include
2 whether a child is an at-risk student or without an adult
3 presence in the home after school hours.

4 (c) The department shall establish public and private
5 partnerships with, including but not limited to, the state
6 foundation on the culture and arts, the county departments of
7 parks and recreation, sports leagues, private schools offering
8 arts, crafts, music, dance, and drama courses, and retired
9 professionals to pass on special knowledge and skills to the
10 participating students.

11 (d) The department shall establish a program curriculum to
12 provide experiences for children that shall include exposure to
13 and education on the fine arts, sciences, and sports and fitness
14 fields. The program may include various components, including
15 enrichment, coordination and physical development, and character
16 development."

17 SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general
18 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
19 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for
20 the pono-plus program established pursuant to this Act.

21 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
22 education for the purposes of this Act.



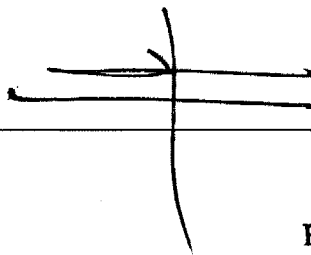
1 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;

3 provided that section 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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INTRODUCED BY: _____

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By Request



Report Title:

DOE; Pono+ Program; Appropriation

Description:

Establishes the pono-plus program to provide a well-rounded after-school learning experience for our keiki. Appropriates funds for the program.

